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Sir:

This amendment and response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2002. A petition for a three month extension of time to respond to the aforementioned office action accompanies this response. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.